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Read once

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**AN ACT**

To provide for the construction of works for the protection and development of the lower Colorado River Basin, for the approval of the Colorado River compact, and for other purposes.

- 1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
- 2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
- 3 That for the purpose of controlling the floods, improv-
- 4 ing navigation, and regulating the flow of the lower
- 5 Colorado River, providing for storage and delivery
- 6 of the waters thereof for reclamation of public lands
- 7 and other beneficial uses within the United States, and
- 8 for the generation of electrical energy as a means of making
- 9 the project herein authorized a self-supporting and financially



1 solvent undertaking, the Secretary of the Interior, subject to  
2 the terms of the Colorado River compact hereinafter men-  
3 tioned, is hereby authorized to construct, operate, and main-  
4 tain a dam and incidental works in the main stream of the  
5 Colorado River at Black Canyon or Boulder Canyon ade-  
6 quate to create a storage reservoir of a capacity of not less  
7 than twenty million acre-feet of water and a main canal and  
8 appurtenant structures located entirely within the United  
9 States connecting the Laguna Dam with the Imperial and  
10 Coachella Valleys in California: *Provided*, That the laws  
11 of any State in which any part of the construction work  
12 herein authorized is performed, in respect of the employment  
13 of laborers and mechanics on State, county, or municipal  
14 works, shall apply to the employment of laborers and me-  
15 chanics upon any part of the construction work herein  
16 authorized: *Provided further*, That all contracts for the  
17 delivery of water for irrigation purposes provided for in  
18 section 5 shall provide that all irrigable land held in private  
19 ownership by any one owner in excess of one hundred and  
20 sixty acres shall be appraised in a manner to be prescribed  
21 by the Secretary of the Interior and the sale prices thereof  
22 fixed by the said Secretary on the basis of its actual bona  
23 fide value at the date of appraisal without reference to the  
24 proposed construction of the irrigation works provided for  
25 by this Act; and that no such excess lands so held shall



1 receive water from said canal if the owners thereof shall  
2 refuse to execute valid recordable contracts for the sale of  
3 such lands under terms and conditions satisfactory to the  
4 Secretary of the Interior and at prices not to exceed those  
5 fixed by the Secretary of the Interior; also to construct  
6 and equip, operate, and maintain at or near said dam, and  
7 within a State which has approved the Colorado River  
8 compact hereinafter mentioned, a complete plant and inci-  
9 dental structures suitable for the fullest economic develop-  
10 ment of electrical energy from the water discharged from  
11 said reservoir; and to acquire by proceedings in eminent  
12 domain, or otherwise, all lands, rights of way, and other  
13 property necessary for said purposes: *Provided further*, That  
14 the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed  
15 to appoint a board of five eminent engineers and geologists,  
16 at least one of whom shall be an engineer officer of the Army  
17 on the active or retired list, to examine the proposed site of  
18 the dam and review the plans and estimates made therefor  
19 before beginning construction, and to advise him from time  
20 to time as he may require as to matters affecting the safety,  
21 feasibility, and adequacy of the proposed structure and  
22 incidental works, the compensation of said board to be fixed  
23 by him for each, respectively, but not to exceed \$50 per day  
24 and necessary traveling expenses, including a per diem of  
25 not to exceed \$6, in lieu of subsistence, for each member of



1 the board so employed for the time employed and actually  
2 engaged upon such work: *And provided further*, That the  
3 work of construction shall not be commenced until plans  
4 therefor are approved by said special board of engineers.  
5 No authority hereby conferred on the Secretary of the Inte  
6 rior shall be exercised without the President's sanction and  
7 approval.

8 SEC. 2. (a) There is hereby established a special fund,  
9 to be known as the "Colorado River Dam fund" (herein-  
10 after referred to as the "fund"), and to be available, as  
11 hereafter provided, only for carrying out the provisions  
12 of this Act. All revenues received in carrying out the provi-  
13 sions of this Act shall be paid into and expenditures shall  
14 be made out of the fund, under the direction of the Secretary  
15 of the Interior.

16 (b) The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to  
17 advance to the fund, from time to time and within the appro-  
18 priations therefor, such amounts as the Secretary of the  
19 Interior deems necessary for carrying out the provisions of  
20 this Act, except that the aggregate amount of such advances  
21 shall not exceed the sum of \$125,000,000. Interest at the  
22 rate of 4 per centum per annum accruing during the year  
23 upon the amounts so advanced and remaining unpaid shall  
24 be paid annually out of the fund.



1 (c) Moneys in the fund advanced under subdivision  
2 (b) shall be available only for expenditures for construction  
3 and the payment of interest upon the amounts so advanced.  
4 No expenditures out of the fund shall be made for operation  
5 and maintenance except from appropriations therefor.

6 (d) The Secretary of the Treasury shall charge the  
7 fund as of June 30 in each year with such amount as may  
8 be necessary for the payment of interest on advances made  
9 under subdivision (b) at the rate of 4 per centum per annum  
10 accrued during the year upon the amounts so advanced and  
11 remaining unpaid, except that if the fund is insufficient to  
12 meet the payment of interest the Secretary of the Treasury  
13 may, in his discretion, defer any part of such payment, and  
14 the amount so deferred shall bear interest at the rate of 4 per  
15 centum per annum until paid.

16 (e) The Secretary of the Interior shall certify to the  
17 Secretary of the Treasury, at the close of each fiscal year,  
18 the amount of money in the fund in excess of the amount  
19 necessary for construction, operation, and maintenance, and  
20 payment of interest. Upon receipt of each such certificate,  
21 the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to  
22 charge the fund with the amount so certified as repayment of  
23 the advances made under subdivision (b), which amount  
24 shall be covered into the Treasury to the credit of miscella-  
25 neous receipts.



1        SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated  
2        from time to time, out of any money in the Treasury not  
3        otherwise appropriated, such sums of money as may be  
4        necessary to carry out the purposes of this Act, not exceeding  
5        in the aggregate \$125,000,000.

6        SEC. 4. (a) No work shall be begun and no moneys  
7        expended on or in connection with the works or structures  
8        provided for in this Act, and no water rights shall be  
9        claimed or initiated hereunder, and no steps shall be taken by  
10       the United States or by others to initiate or perfect any claims  
11       to the use of water pertinent to such works or structures until  
12       the States of California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,  
13       Utah, and Wyoming shall have approved the Colorado River  
14       compact mentioned in section 12 hereof and shall have con-  
15       sented to a waiver of the provisions of the first paragraph  
16       of Article XI of said compact, which makes the same binding  
17       and obligatory only when approved by each of the seven  
18       States mentioned in said section 12, and shall have approved  
19       said compact without condition save that of such six-State  
20       approval, and until the President by public proclamation  
21       shall have so declared.

22       (b) Before any money is appropriated or any con-  
23       struction work done or contracted for, the Secretary of the  
24       Interior shall make provision for revenues, by contract,  
25       in accordance with the provisions of this Act, adequate,



1 in his judgment, to insure payment of all expenses  
2 of operation and maintenance of said works incurred by  
3 the United States and the repayment, within fifty years from  
4 the date of the completion of the project, of all amounts  
5 advanced to the fund under subdivision (b) of section 2,  
6 together with interest thereon.

7 If during the period of amortization the Secretary of  
8 the Interior shall receive revenue in excess of the amount  
9 necessary to meet the periodical and/or accrued payments  
10 to the United States as provided in the contract, or con-  
11 tracts, executed under this Act, then immediately after the  
12 settlement of such periodical and/or accrued payments he  
13 shall pay to the State of Arizona  $18\frac{3}{4}$  per centum of such  
14 excess revenues and to the State of Nevada  $18\frac{3}{4}$  per centum  
15 of such excess revenues. The conclusion and determination  
16 of the Secretary of the Interior shall be subject to the  
17 President's sanction and approval.

18 SEC. 5. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby  
19 authorized, under such general regulations as he may pre-  
20 scribe, to contract for the storage of water in said reservoir  
21 and for the delivery thereof at such points on the river and  
22 on said canal as may be agreed upon, for irrigation and  
23 domestic uses, and delivery at the switchboard to municipal  
24 corporations, political subdivisions, private corporations, and  
25 persons of electrical energy generated at said dam, upon



1 charges that will provide revenue which, in addition to other  
2 revenue accruing under the reclamation law and under this  
3 Act, will in his judgment cover all expenses of operation and  
4 maintenance incurred by the United States on account of  
5 works constructed under this Act and the payments to the  
6 United States under subdivision (b) of section 4. Contracts  
7 respecting water for irrigation and domestic uses shall be for  
8 permanent service and shall conform to paragraph (a) of  
9 section 4 of this Act. No person shall have or be entitled  
10 to have the use for any purpose of the water stored as afore-  
11 said except by contract made as herein stated.

12 After the repayments to the United States of all money  
13 advanced with interest, charges shall be on such basis and  
14 the revenues derived therefrom shall be disposed of as may  
15 hereafter be prescribed by the Congress.

16 General and uniform regulations shall be prescribed by  
17 the said Secretary for the awarding of contracts for the sale  
18 and delivery of electrical energy, and for renewals under  
19 subdivision (b) of this section, and in making such contracts  
20 the following shall govern:

21 (a) No contract for electrical energy shall be of longer  
22 duration than fifty years from the date at which such energy  
23 is ready for delivery.

24 (b) The holder of any contract for electrical energy,  
25 not in default thereunder, shall be entitled to a renewal



1 thereof upon such terms and conditions as may be authorized  
2 or required under the then existing laws and regulations,  
3 unless the property of such holder dependent for its useful-  
4 ness on a continuation of the contract be purchased or  
5 acquired and such holder be compensated for damages to  
6 its property, used and useful in the transmission and dis-  
7 tribution of such electrical energy and not taken, resulting  
8 from the termination of the supply.

9 (c) Contracts for the sale and delivery of electrical  
10 energy shall be made with responsible applicants therefor  
11 who will pay the price fixed by the said Secretary with a  
12 view to meeting the revenue requirements of the project  
13 as herein provided for. In case of conflicting applications,  
14 if any, such conflicts shall be resolved by the said Secre-  
15 tary, after hearing, with due regard to the public interest,  
16 and in conformity with the policy expressed in the Federal  
17 Water Power Act as to conflicting applications for per-  
18 mits and license except that preference to applicants for  
19 the use of water and appurtenant works and privileges neces-  
20 sary for the generation and distribution of hydroelectric  
21 energy, or for delivery at the switchboard of a hydroelectric  
22 plant, shall be given, first, to a State, or any legal sub-  
23 division thereof, for the generation or purchase of electric  
24 energy for use in the State, and the States of Arizona,  
25 California, and Nevada shall be given equal opportunity as



1 such applicants. The rights covered by such preference shall  
2 be contracted for by such State within six months after  
3 notice by the Secretary of the Interior and to be paid for  
4 on the same terms and conditions as may be provided in  
5 other similar contracts made by said Secretary: *Provided*  
6 *however*, That no application of a State or a political sub-  
7 division for an allocation of electrical energy shall be denied  
8 or another application in conflict therewith be granted on  
9 the ground that the bond issue of such political subdivision,  
10 necessary to enable the applicant to utilize such water and  
11 appurtenant works and privileges necessary for the genera-  
12 tion and distribution of hydroelectric energy or the electrical  
13 energy applied for, has not been authorized or marketed,  
14 until after a reasonable time, to be determined by the  
15 said Secretary, has been given to such applicant to have  
16 such bond issue authorized and marketed.

17 (d) Any agency receiving a contract for electrical  
18 energy equivalent to one hundred thousand firm horse-  
19 power, or more, may, when deemed feasible by the said  
20 Secretary, from engineering and economic considerations  
21 and under general regulations prescribed by him, be required  
22 to permit other similar agency having contracts hereunder  
23 for less than the equivalent of twenty-five thousand firm  
24 horsepower to participate in the benefits and use of any  
25 main transmission line constructed by the former for carry-



ing such energy (not exceeding, however, one-fourth the capacity of such line), upon payment by such other agencies of a reasonable share of the cost of construction, operation, and maintenance thereof.

(e) Every contract for electrical energy shall provide that the holder of such contract shall guarantee that in any resale of such energy to the consumers thereof the rates shall not exceed what is fair, just, and reasonable as determined by the Federal Power Commission.

The use is hereby authorized of such public and reserved lands of the United States as the said Secretary shall determine to be necessary or convenient for the construction, operation, and maintenance of main transmission lines to transmit said electrical energy.

SEC. 6. That the dam and reservoir provided for by section 1 hereof shall be used: First, for river regulation, improvement of navigation, and flood control; second, for irrigation and domestic uses and satisfaction of present perfected rights in pursuance of Article VIII of said Colorado River compact; and third, for power. The title to said dam, reservoir, plant, and incidental works shall forever remain in the United States, and the United States shall until otherwise provided by Congress control, manage, and operate the same: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary



1 of the Interior may, in his discretion, enter into contracts  
2 of lease of a unit or units of said plant, with right to gen-  
3 erate electrical energy, within a State which has approved said  
4 Colorado River compact, on condition that if two or more  
5 such contracts be entered into, provision shall be made for  
6 operation of the plant under a joint agreement upon terms  
7 approved by the Secretary of the Interior for the purpose  
8 of providing for the most economical utilization of the  
9 available energy in case of the execution of such contracts  
10 the provisions of section 5 of this Act relating to revenue,  
11 term, renewals, determination of conflicting applications, and  
12 joint use of transmission lines under contracts for the sale  
13 of electrical energy, shall apply.

14 As a condition to the lease of the said plant or any unit  
15 or units thereof, and as a condition to the sale of electrical  
16 energy therefrom, every lessee and every purchaser, if the  
17 United States operates the plant, shall agree that the prop-  
18 erty of such lessee or purchaser, used and useful in con-  
19 nection therewith, shall be valued, whether by the agencies  
20 of the States or of the United States, and whether for  
21 regulation of rates or for taxation or for State or municipal  
22 acquisition and use, at its fair value, not to exceed the net  
23 investment of the said lessee or purchaser and said net in-  
24 vestment shall be ascertained in accordance with the pro-



visions of the Federal Water Power Act and the regulations of the Federal Power Commission.

Every lease and every contract for the sale of power shall provide that the resale price thereof, with the transmission, transmission, and distribution of such energy, extending to sale to the ultimate consumer, shall be subject to the regulation and control of said Federal Power Commission or of the appropriate authorities of any State or States in which such power is transmitted, distributed, sold, or used, according to the respective jurisdictions of said Federal Power Commission or said State authority, as provided in sections 19 and/or 20 of the Federal Water Power Act.

The Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe and enforce rules and regulations conforming with the requirements of the Federal Water Power Act, together with the rules and regulations of the Federal Power Commission thereunder, respecting maintenance of works in condition of repair adequate for their efficient operation, maintenance of a system of accounting, control of rates and service in the absence of State regulation or interstate agreement, valuation for rate-making purposes, transfers of contracts, contracts extending beyond the lease period, expropriation of excessive profits, emergency use by the United States of property of lessees, and penalties for enforce-



1 ing regulations made under this Act or penalizing failure  
2 to comply with such regulations or with the provisions of  
3 this Act. He shall also conform with other provisions of  
4 the Federal Water Power Act and of the rules and regula-  
5 tions of the Federal Power Commission which have been  
6 devised or which may be hereafter devised for the protection  
7 of the investor and consumer.

8       SEC. 7. That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his  
9 discretion, when repayments to the United States of all  
10 money advanced, with interest, shall have been made, trans-  
11 fer the title to said canal and appurtenant structures to the  
12 districts or other governmental or public agencies in the  
13 United States having a beneficial interest therein in pro-  
14 portion to their respective capital investments under such  
15 form of organization as may be acceptable to him. The  
16 said districts or other agencies shall have the privilege at  
17 any time of utilizing by contract or otherwise such power  
18 possibilities as may exist upon said canal, in proportion to  
19 their respective contributions or obligations toward the  
20 capital cost of said canal and appurtenant structures from and  
21 including the diversion works to the point where each  
22 respective power plant may be located. The net proceeds  
23 from any power development on said canal shall be paid  
24 into the fund and credited to said districts or other agencies  
25 on their said contracts, in proportion to their rights to develop



1 power, until the districts or other agencies using said canal  
2 shall have paid thereby and under any contract or otherwise  
3 an amount of money equivalent to the operation and mainte-  
4 nance expense and cost of construction thereof.

5 SEC. 8. (a) All appropriations of water from the Col-  
6 orado River, incident to or resulting from the construction,  
7 use, and operation of the works herein authorized, shall be  
8 made and perfected in and in conformity with the laws of  
9 those States which may or shall have approved the Colorado  
10 River compact ratified in section 12 of this Act.

11 (b) The United States, its permittees, licensees, and  
12 contractees, and all users and appropriators of water stored,  
13 diverted, carried, and/or distributed by the reservoir, canals,  
14 and other works herein authorized, shall observe and be  
15 subject to and controlled by said Colorado River compact  
16 in the construction, management, and operation of said  
17 reservoir, canals, and other works and the storage, diver-  
18 sion, delivery, and use of water for the generation of power,  
19 irrigation, and other purposes, anything in this Act to the  
20 contrary notwithstanding, and all permits, licenses, and con-  
21 tracts shall so provide.

22 (c) Also the United States, in constructing, managing,  
23 and operating the dam, reservoir, canals, and other works  
24 herein authorized, including the appropriation, delivery, and  
25 use of water for the generation of power, irrigation, or



1 other uses, and all users of water thus delivered and all  
2 users and appropriators of waters stored by said reservoir  
3 and/or carried by said canal, including all permittees and  
4 licensees of the United States or any of its agencies, shall  
5 observe and be subject to and controlled, anything to the  
6 contrary herein notwithstanding, by the terms of such com-  
7 pact, if any, between the States of Arizona, California, and  
8 Nevada, or any two thereof, for the equitable division of the  
9 benefits, including power, arising from the use of water accru-  
10 ing to said States, subsidiary to and consistent with said Colo-  
11 rado River compact, which may be negotiated and approved  
12 by said States and to which Congress shall give its consent  
13 and approval on or before January 1, 1929; and the terms of  
14 any such compact concluded between said States and  
15 approved and consented to by Congress after said date:  
16 *Provided*, That in the latter case such compact shall be sub-  
17 ject to all contracts, if any, made by the Secretary of the  
18 Interior under section 5 hereof prior to the date of such  
19 approval and consent by Congress.

20 (d) Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to waive any  
21 of the rights or powers reserved or granted to the United  
22 States by paragraph 7 of section 20 of the Act providing for  
23 the admission of Arizona, approved June 20, 1910, and  
24 by the tenth paragraph of Article XX of the constitution of  
25 Arizona, but the Secretary of the Interior is authorized on



1 behalf of the United States to exercise such of said rights  
2 and powers as may be necessary or convenient for the con-  
3 struction and use of the works herein authorized and for  
4 carrying out the purposes of this Act.

5 SEC. 9. That all lands of the United States found by  
6 the Secretary of the Interior to be practicable of irrigation  
7 and reclamation by the irrigation works authorized herein  
8 shall be withdrawn from public entry. Thereafter, at the  
9 direction of the Secretary of the Interior, such lands shall  
10 be opened to entry, in tracts varying in size but not exceed-  
11 ing one hundred and sixty acres, as may be determined by  
12 the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with the pro-  
13 visions of the reclamation law, and any such entryman shall  
14 pay an equitable share in accordance with the benefits  
15 received, as determined by the said Secretary, of the con-  
16 struction cost of said canal and appurtenant structures; said  
17 payments to be made in such installments and at such  
18 times as may be specified by the Secretary of the Interior,  
19 in accordance with the provisions of the said reclama-  
20 tion law, and shall constitute revenue from said project  
21 and be covered into the fund herein provided for: *Pro-*  
22 *vided*, That all persons who have served in the United  
23 States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps during the war with  
24 Germany, the war with Spain, or in the suppression of the



1 insurrection in the Philippines, and who have been honor-  
2 ably separated or discharged therefrom or placed in the  
3 Regular Army or Navy Reserve, shall have the exclusive  
4 preference right for a period of three months to enter said  
5 lands, subject, however, to the provisions of subsection c  
6 of section 4, Act of December 5, 1924 (Forty-third Statutes  
7 at Large, page 702) ; and also, so far as practicable, pref-  
8 erence shall be given to said persons in all construction work  
9 authorized by this Act: *Provided further*, That in the event  
10 such an entry shall be relinquished at any time prior to  
11 actual residence upon the land by the entryman for not  
12 less than one year, lands so relinquished shall not be sub-  
13 ject to entry for a period of sixty days after the filing and  
14 notation of the relinquishment in the local land office, and  
15 after the expiration of said sixty-day period such lands shall  
16 be open to entry, subject to the preference in this section  
17 provided.

18 SEC. 10. That nothing in this Act shall be construed  
19 as modifying in any manner the existing contract, dated  
20 October 23, 1918, between the United States and the  
21 Imperial Irrigation District, providing for a connection with  
22 Laguna Dam; but the Secretary of the Interior is authorized  
23 to modify the said contract, with the consent of the said  
24 district, and also to enter into contract or contracts with the  
25 said district or other districts, persons, or agencies for the



1 construction, in accordance with this Act, of said canal and  
2 appurtenant structures, and also for the operation and  
3 maintenance thereof, with the consent of the other users.

4 SEC. 11. "Political subdivision" or "political sub-  
5 divisions" as used in this Act shall be understood to include  
6 any State, irrigation, or other district, municipality, or other  
7 governmental organization.

8 "Reclamation law" as used in this Act shall be under-  
9 stood to mean that certain Act of the Congress of the United  
10 States approved June 17, 1902, entitled "An Act appro-  
11 priating the receipts from the sale and disposal of public  
12 land in certain States and Territories to the construction of  
13 irrigation works for the reclamation of arid lands," and the  
14 Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto.

15 "Maintenance" as used herein shall be deemed to  
16 include in each instance provision for keeping the works  
17 in good operating condition.

18 SEC. 12. (a) The Colorado River compact signed  
19 at Santa Fe, New Mexico, November 24, 1922, pur-  
20 suant to Act of Congress approved August 19, 1921,  
21 entitled "An Act to permit a compact or agreement between  
22 the States of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New  
23 Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming respecting the disposition and  
24 apportionment of the waters of the Colorado River, and for  
25 other purposes," is hereby approved by the Congress of the



1 United States, and the provisions of the first paragraph of  
2 article 11 of the said Colorado River compact, making said  
3 compact binding and obligatory when it shall have been  
4 approved by the legislature of each of the signatory States,  
5 are hereby waived, and this approval shall become effective  
6 when at least six of the signatory States, including the State  
7 of California, shall have approved or may hereafter approve  
8 said compact as aforesaid and shall consent to such waiver.

9 (b) The rights of the United States in or to waters of  
10 the Colorado River and its tributaries howsoever claimed or  
11 acquired, as well as the rights of those claiming under the  
12 United States, shall be subject to and controlled by said  
13 Colorado River compact.

14 (c) Also all patents, grants, contracts, concessions,  
15 leases, permits, licenses, rights of way, or other privileges  
16 from the United States or under its authority, necessary or  
17 convenient for the use of waters of the Colorado River  
18 or its tributaries, or for the generation or transmission of  
19 electrical energy generated by means of the waters of said  
20 river or its tributaries, "including all permits, licenses,  
21 leases, or other privileges approved or issued under the  
22 provisions of the Federal Water Power Act, approved  
23 June 10, 1920," shall be upon the express condition and  
24 with the express covenant that the rights of the recipients  
25 or holders thereof to waters of the river or its tributaries,



1 for the use of which the same are necessary, convenient,  
2 or incidental, and the use of the same shall likewise be sub-  
3 ject to and controlled by said Colorado River compact.

4 (d) The conditions and covenants referred to herein  
5 shall be deemed to run with the land and the right, interest,  
6 or privilege therein and water right, and shall attach as a  
7 matter of law, whether set out or referred to in the instru-  
8 ment evidencing any such patent, grant, contract, concession,  
9 lease, permit, license, right of way or other privilege from  
10 the United States or under its authority; or not, and shall be  
11 deemed to be for the benefit of and be available to the States  
12 of Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico,  
13 Utah, and Wyoming, and the users of water therein or  
14 thereunder by way of suit, defense, or otherwise, in any  
15 litigation respecting the waters of the Colorado River or its  
16 tributaries.

17 SEC. 13. This Act shall be deemed a supplement to the  
18 reclamation law, which said reclamation law shall govern the  
19 construction, operation, and management of the works herein  
20 authorized, except as otherwise herein provided.

21 SEC. 14. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized  
22 and directed to make investigation and public reports of the  
23 feasibility of projects for irrigation, generation of electric  
24 power, and other purposes in the States of Arizona, Colorado,  
25 New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming for the purpose of making



1 such information available to said States and to the Congress,  
2 and of formulating a comprehensive scheme of headwater  
3 control and the improvement and utilization of the water  
4 of the Colorado River and its tributaries. The sum of  
5 \$250,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated from said  
6 Colorado River Dam fund, created by section 2 of this Act,  
7 for such purposes.

8 SEC. 15. The Secretary of the Interior shall annually  
9 submit to Congress a report of the transactions had in and  
10 pertaining to the administration of this Act.

11 SEC. 16. Nothing in this Act shall be construed as a  
12 denial or recognition of any rights, if any, in Mexico to the  
13 use of the waters of the Colorado River system.

14 SEC. 17. That the short title of this Act shall be  
15 "Boulder Canyon Project Act."

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Attest: WM. TYLER PAGE,

*Clerk.*







